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SUBJECT: SEMENOV STATEMENT, FEBRUARY 19, 1974 (SALT TWO - 368)

FOLLOWING IS THE TRANSLATION OF THE STATEMENT

PRESENTED BY MINISTER SEMENOV, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1974

SEMENOV STATEMENT, FEBRUARY 19, 1974

THE USSR DELEGATION HAS LISTENED TO YOUR STATEMENT WITH INTEREST. IT WILL BE STUDIED CAREFULLY. I TAKE PLEASURE IN RECIPROCATING THE GOOD WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR, WHICH YOU EXPRESSED. WE TAKE NOTE OF YOUR REMARK THAT IN SUBSEQUENT STATEMENTS YOU WILL PROVIDE DETAILS ON THE CONSIDERATIONS WHICH WERE OUTLINED IN GENERAL TERMS TODAY.

TODAY WE ARE RESUMING OUR WORK. DURING THE RECESS MUCH AND VARIED WORK WAS CARRIED OUT IN MOSCOW IN CONNECTION WITH THE ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE USSR AND THE U.S. ON THE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS. THE SOVIET SIDE PROCEEDS FROM THE PREMISE THAT THIS WORK IS NOW
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ENTERING A MOST RESPONSIBLE STAGE, WHICH WILL DEMAND GREAT

EFFORTS FROM BOTH SIDES AND MAXIMUM UTILIZATION OF ACCUMULATED EXPERIENCE, AS WELL AS THE SKILL TO OVERCOME THE PROBLEMS THAT ARISE, IN ORDER TO FIND MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS.

AT THE VERY OUTSET I WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES ON THE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS ARE CONSTANTLY WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF THE HIGHEST AUTHORITIES OF THE SOVIET UNION. THE HIGHEST LEADERS OF OUR COUNTRY GIVE THESE NEGOTIATIONS THE MOST SERIOUS ATTENTION. SOLVING THE PROBLEM OF LIMITING STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS WOULD BE A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE CAUSE OF REDUCING THE RISK OF OUTBREAK OF NUCLEAR WAR AND STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY. I. I. BREZHNEV, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE CPSU, STATED ON OCTOBER 26, 1973: "SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE NEW PHASE OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE USSR AND THE U.S. ON THE FURTHER LIMITATION AND POSSIBLE REDUCTION OF STRATEGIC ARMAMENTS CAN PLAY A CONSIDERABLE ROLE. YOU WILL APPRECIATE THAT THIS IS NO SIMPLE TASK, BUT WE HAVE AGREED TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ACCOMPLISH IT." PRECISELY THIS APPROACH DETERMINES THE POSITION OF THE USSR DELEGATION AT THE ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS.

ONE CANNOT BUT NOTE THE INTENTION OF THE U.S., EXPRESSED BY PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON IN HIS STATE OF THE UNION MESSAGE, TO "PERSEVERE IN OUR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION TO PLACE FURTHER LIMITS ON STRATEGIC ARMS COMPETITION."

THE VERY GOAL OF THE ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS TESTIFIES TO THE FACT THAT THE DELEGATIONS FACE TASKS OF EXCEPTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY. FULLY CONSCIOUS OF THIS RESPONSIBILITY, THE USSR DELEGATION IS PREPARED TO CARRY ON A DIALOGUE WITH THE U.S. DELEGATION, APPLYING MAXIMUM EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE PROGRESS.

THE SOVIET-AMERICAN DOCUMENT ENTITLED BASIC PRINCIPLES OF NEGOTIATIONS ON THE FURTHER LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS, SIGNED IN JUNE OF LAST YEAR, IS AN IMPORTANT STIMULUS FOR THE WORK OF THE DELEGATIONS. THIS DOCUMENT DELINEATES
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THE RANGE OF TASKS CLEARLY AND POINTS OUT THE FUNDAMENTAL DIRECTIONS FOR THE SEARCH FOR THEIR SOLUTION.

AS YOU KNOW, THE DELEGATIONS FACE THE TASK OF WORKING OUT THE PROVISIONS OF A PERMANENT AGREEMENT ON MORE COMPLETE MEASURES FOR THE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS. AS PROVIDED IN THE BASIC PRINCIPLES (OF NEGOTIATIONS), SUCH AN AGREEMENT WILL BE WORKED OUT ON THE BASIS OF THE BASIC

PRINCIPLES OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE USSR AND THE U.S., SIGNED
IN MOSCOW ON MAY 29, 1972, AND THE INTERIM AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE USSR AND THE U.S. ON CERTAIN MEASURES WITH
RESPECT TO THE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS, DATED
MAY 26, 1972.

OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE IS THE AGREEMENT RECORDED IN THE
BASIC PRINCIPLES, THAT IN WORKING OUT NEW AGREEMENTS ON THE
LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS THE SIDES WILL BE GUIDED BY TH
E RECOGNITION OF EACH OTHER'S EQUAL SECURITY INTERESTS
AND BY THE RECOGNITION THAT EFFORTS TO OBTAIN UNILATERAL
ADVANTAGE, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, WOULD BE INCONSISTENT
WITH THE STRENGTHENING OF PEACEFUL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE
USSR AND THE U.S. THIS FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE MUST BE THE
YARDSTICK FOR ANY PROPOSALS CONSIDERED AT THE NEGOTIATIONS
IN WHICH WE ARE ENGAGED. IT IS PRECISELY ON THE BASIS OF
THIS PRINCIPLE THAT ACHIEVEMENT OF MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS
IS POSSIBLE.

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IN ITS APPROACH TO THE NEGOTIATIONS AND TO THE SEARCH
FOR POSSIBLE WAYS OF SOLVING THE PROBLEMS UNDER DISCUSSION,
THE SOVIET SIDE IS INVARIABLY GUIDED BY THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUAL

SECURITY AND INADMISSIBILITY OF UNILATERAL ADVANTAGE. IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PRINCIPLE IN WORKING OUT A PERMANENT AGREEMENT REQUIRES THAT ACCOUNT BE TAKEN OF THE STRATEGIC SITUATION OBJECTIVELY TAKING SHAPE, IN ALL ITS TOTALITY, AS WELL AS OF THE FACTORS WHICH INFLUENCE IT NOW AND IN THE FUTURE.

IN OUR VIEW THE TIME FACTOR IS NOW ACQUIRING GREAT IMPORTANCE FOR THE WORK OF THE DELEGATIONS. IN THE INTERESTS OF ACHIEVING THE OBJECTIVE SET FOR THE DELEGATIONS WE ARE CONFIDENT AND HOPEFUL THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED IN A CONSTRUCTIVE AND BUSINESSLIKE MANNER, WITH A VIEW TO SOLVING PERTINENT CONCRETE PROBLEMS. WE PROCEED FROM THE PREMISE THAT ALONG WITH FURTHER PRESENTATION OF THEIR POINTS OF VIEW ON THE ISSUES BEING CONSIDERED AT THE NEGOTIATIONS, THE DELEGATIONS MIGHT FOCUS THEIR EFFORTS ON PREPARING AND NEGOTIATING THE CONCRETE PROVISIONS OF A PERMANENT AGREEMENT, WORKING OUT LANGUAGE AND ARTICLES, AND ULTIMATELY PREPARING THE ENTIRE DRAFT TEXT OF SUCH AN AGREEMENT. THIS
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WOULD BE IN ACCORD WITH THE TASKS DEFINED IN THE BASIC PRINCIPLES.

OF COURSE, THE DELEGATIONS NEED TO MAKE SERIOUS EFFORTS AND INTENSIFY THEIR SEARCH FOR MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS BASED ON STRICT OBSERVANCE OF THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUAL SECURITY AND INADMISSIBILITY OF UNILATERAL ADVANTAGE. WE DO BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT GIVEN GOOD WILL AND A SINCERE DESIRE TO ACHIEVE THE OBJECTIVE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, THE DELEGATIONS CAN ACHIEVE SUCCESS. THIS POINT OF VIEW OF THE SOVIET SIDE WAS REFLECTED IN THE STATEMENT OF USSR MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS A.A. GROMYKO ON JANUARY 19, 1974 IN YEREVAN. SPEAKING OF THE PROBLEMS UNDER CONSIDERATION AT THE ONGOING SOVIET-AMERICAN NEGOTIATIONS, HE SAID: "THESE QUESTIONS ARE, OF COURSE, EXTREMELY COMPLEX, FOR THEY CONCERN THE VERY HEART OF THE SECURITY OF THE USSR AND THE U.S. HOWEVER, HERE TOO, IT IS POSSIBLE TO FIND MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS UNDER ONE INDISPENSABLE CONDITION--THAT THEY BE REALLY MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE."

THE USSR DELEGATION HAS INSTRUCTIONS TO CONDUCT THE NEGOTIATIONS IN A BUSINESSLIKE AND CONSTRUCTIVE SPIRIT, WITH A VIEW TO SUCCESSFUL AND TIMELY ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE TASKS SET FOR THE DELEGATIONS IN THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF NEGOTIATIONS. WE ARE COUNTING ON THE SAME APPROACH ON THE PART OF THE U.S. DELEGATION AS WELL.

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